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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Education Committee

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Education Committee of the Board of Alders will meet on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., via video conference at <https://bit.ly/32xSYcE> and by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 849 2679 8406, to hear and act on the following items (for required password contact publictestimony@newhavenct.gov):

[LM-2021-0151](#) ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES TO PURCHASE K-5 TEXT MATERIALS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

Per Order: Hon. Jody Ortiz, Chair;

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202 at 200 Orange Street; New Haven, CT 06510.

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Public can view the meeting at <https://bit.ly/32xSYcE> or listen by phone at (646) 558-8656 Webinar ID: 849 2679 8406.

Minutes

Alder Jody Ortiz, Chair, called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Alders Jody Ortiz, Chair; Jose Crespo; Carmen Rodriguez; and Eli Sabin.

Noncommittee members present: Alders Richard Furlow and Frank Douglass.

1. ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES TO PURCHASE K-5 TEXT MATERIALS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ken Mathews, Math Supervisor, 272 Welch's Point Rd, Milford; Ivelise Velazquez, Asst. Superintendent, 285 Greene Street; Philip Penn, CFO, 2 Holly Berry Lane, Burlington; and Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent, 226 Fountain Street, represented the NHPS and presented to how the grant funding would be used to purchase new math curriculum for grades K-5. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of Legislative Services.

In response to Alder Crespo, Dr. Tracey, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Velazquez, and Mr. Penn reviewed how 48 teachers were studied that presented in the pilot which included four schools in New Haven. Spoke about how there was a lot of work that happened behind the scenes to prepare this curriculum for selection. Ms. Velazquez and Mr. Mathews reviewed how the textbooks are in Spanish and English.

In response to Alder Sabin, Mr. Mathews reviewed how the last math curriculum they adopted was Math-in-Focus in 2012, and that it was purchased year-by-year. Reviewed how a lot of the costs for that program were incurred by the schools, and that the savings over five years due to purchasing the new curriculum for five years rather than year-by-year is \$900,000.

In response to Alder C. Rodriguez, Mr. Velazquez and Mr. Mathews reviewed how the curriculum was vetted by ELL teachers to ensure it would work for English language learners. Mr. Mathews spoke about how it addresses learners with disabilities. Ms. Velazquez reviewed how this curriculum is comprehensive, so they do not need to look for additional resources, like tests, to compliment the curriculum.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action.

Alder Sabin moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alder C. Rodriguez. The motion was unanimously approved at 6:40 p.m.

Alder C. Rodriguez moved to adjourn, seconded by Alder Sabin. The motion was unanimously

approved.

Adjourn: 6:44 p.m.

A recording of this meeting can be viewed on the Board of Alders's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7uDj2STADg>.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Maza, J.D., Legislative Aide II